

Health System in thanking and congratulating them for their decades of service, commitment to excellence in healthcare, and their dedication of the new South Tower of Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BEN CLINE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 12, 2022*

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I missed a vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 168.

#### APPRECIATING HUNGARIAN PATRIOT MICHAEL KOVÁTS

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 12, 2022*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, this week on May 10th a Marker Dedication Ceremony was held in Charleston, South Carolina, for Michael Kováts de Fabricy, the Founding Father of the United States Calvary.

Michael Kováts de Fabricy was a Hungarian nobleman and accomplished officer in the Prussian Calvary. He was a retired Hussar major in the Austro-Hungarian army. Upon learning of the American Revolution, he wrote on January 17, 1777, to American Ambassador to France, Benjamin Franklin, to volunteer his services and pledged himself "faithful unto death."

Kováts was appointed colonel commandant of Pulaski's Legion in the Continental Army in 1778. He recruited, trained, and led what became the first U.S. Calvary unit. He was the highest-ranking Hungarian military officer in the American Revolutionary War. Kováts was killed on May 11, 1779, while leading an assault on British troops in Charleston, South Carolina. He remained true to his word and was loyal and faithful to American freedom to his death.

The Dedication Ceremony was appropriately at The Old Exchange Building coordinated by Director Tony Youmans. In the American Revolution British tea was seized and stored at the Exchange Building basement then sold to finance the Revolution and not thrown into the harbor. The Color Guard of the venerated Washington Light Infantry was provided by Major General Henry Siegling, Commander, and Colonel Myron C. Herrington, Historian and Secretary. The Washington Light Infantry is a military and social organization founded in 1807 as one of the oldest in America.

The Dedication and Unveiling was conducted by National Society Daughters of American Revolution President General Denise Doring VanBuren.

It was extraordinary Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Hungary, Magor Ernyei delivered remarks at the event and highlighting that there is a statue of Michael Kováts in Washington outside the Embassy of Hungary. Clearly there is great affection in South Carolina for the people of Hungary. We will always cherish the courage of Hungarians to oppose

the Soviet Tank Invasion of 1956 just as we support the people of Ukraine to oppose the Putin Tank Invasion of 2022.

Program participants in the service and assisted in this event from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution: Bonnibel Moffat, South Carolina State Regent; Nancy Herritage, State Historian; Laura Kessler, Historian General; Pamela Bork, Chaplain General; Cynthia Sweeney, Librarian General; Janet Whittington, Curator General; Elizabeth Billham, Vice President General; and Pat Kinard, Regent of the Rebecca Motte Chapter.

#### RECOGNIZING MRS. CAROL TAYLOR

### HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 12, 2022*

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Carol Taylor for her fifty-year career as a teacher and congratulate her on her retirement.

Mrs. Taylor began teaching in Orange County in 1965. After five years in Southern California, she moved to the Central Valley, beginning as a teacher at Terra Bella Elementary School. After a brief stint in Montana, Mrs. Taylor returned to Terra Bella in 1987 where she has been teaching ever since.

Over the course of her career, Mrs. Taylor has taught thousands of children, ranging from pre-school to 4th grade. Through her dedication to her students, she was able to provide the educational foundation necessary for these children to succeed in both school and in life. Many of her former students have gone on to be successful members of our Central Valley community, with some even becoming teachers themselves.

Mrs. Taylor plans to spend her well-earned retirement traveling the country, visiting friends and family, and spending time with her grandchildren. On behalf of everyone in California's 21st congressional district, I would like to thank her for fifty years of service to our community and wish her a long and happy retirement.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the career of Mrs. Carol Taylor, a fixture in our community and an inspiration to us all.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF DETECTIVE CHRIS VAUGHN

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 12, 2022*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary work of Detective Chris Vaughn as she retires from a life of public service. She served the communities of Plano, Texas and The Colony, Texas as a dispatcher and police officer for over 25 years.

Detective Chris Vaughn grew up in Loveland, Colorado where she graduated from high school in 1983. She moved to Plano, Texas in 1991 and worked various jobs before being hired in 1994 by the City of Plano as a

PD/FD/EMD Dispatcher. In 1995, Detective Vaughn was hired by the Plano Police Department. She attended the North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Police Academy and was elected by her class to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer.

In May 1997, Detective Vaughn was hired by The Colony Police Department where she served as a patrol officer for several years. She was selected to be the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Instructor and worked with students in The Colony. During her time in patrol, Detective Vaughn earned her Intermediate Peace Officer, Advanced Peace Officer, and Master Peace Officer Certifications. She was a Field Training Officer, Intoxilyzer Operator, and a Sexual Assault Family Violence Investigator Course (SAFVIC) certified family violence investigator.

In June 2013, Detective Vaughn was selected to make a lateral move into the Criminal Investigation Division. She solved two missing juvenile cold cases early in her tenure as a detective. Since then, she has successfully investigated many major cases where her work directly resulted in suspects receiving prison sentences ranging from 25 to 70 years. Off-duty, she has volunteered on multiple events at the Children's Advocacy Center. Throughout her life, she has been passionate about photography and has recently started a photography business.

In total, Detective Vaughn has faithfully served and protected North Texas citizenry and businesses for more than two and a half decades. She has selflessly put others' safety above her own, and I am deeply grateful for her exemplary service to our community and state. I wish Detective Vaughn the best in her retirement.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 12, 2022*

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call No. 152, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass bill (S.66) South Florida Clean Coastal Waters Act, I would have voted YEA;

Roll Call No. 153, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended bill (H.R. 7077) Empowering the U.S. Fire Administration Act, I would have voted YES;

Roll Call No. 154, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended bill (H.R. 1437) PRECIP Act, I would have voted YES;

Roll Call No. 155, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass bill (S.1872) United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act, I would have voted YEA;

Roll Call No. 156, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended bill (H.R. 5911) Fair Hiring in Banking Act, I would have voted YES;

Roll Call No. 157, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended bill (H.R. 5914) Empowering States to Protect Seniors from Bad Actors Act, I would have voted NO;

Roll Call No. 158, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended bill